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1. A single track railroad line from Craiova to Bucharest was completed in 1948. The railroad runs along the left and right of the highway, and it is about two hundred kilometers long. The railroad passes through the following towns: Craiova, Leul, Caracal, Rosiorii de Vede, Alexandria, Drăcanesti, and Bucharest. The old line Craiova-Bals-Slatina-Pitești-Titu-Bucharest was approximately two hundred and fifty kilometers long. The new line has no sidings.
2. A single track railroad line for Rumanian trains from Gara Goleni to Poiana Mare was completed at the end of 1947.
3. There is a large Soviet airfield 200 meters north of the Craiova-Bals highway. It was used by the Germans during the occupation, and since the Tito-Cominform split (June 1948) more hangars have been built. There are about ten hangars on the field now and 70 to 80 planes.
4. There is a Rumanian airfield in a wooded camouflaged area, 1,000 to 1,500 meters west of the Craiova-Bals highway, and 200 meters south of Craiova. There are four or five hangars on the field.
5. An airfield was constructed by the Rumanians in 1948-1949 near Caracal. It is now used by the Soviets, and the informant states that it is larger than the one mentioned in paragraph three above.
6. There are Soviet infantry and artillery units in Bals billeted in buildings in and outside the town. The artillery troops wear black epaulets.
7. There are Soviet infantry, artillery and armored units in Slatina. The troops of the armored units wear a T on their epaulets.
8. There are Soviet infantry, artillery, and armored units in Caracal.
9. [REDACTED] that there are Rumanian troops in the area of Craiova, Bals, Slatina, and Caracal.

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10. The Rumanian Army has ammunition warehouses near the town of Isalnita. They are located near a vegetable garden about two thousand meters south-east of the town's railroad station, and 300 to 400 meters east of the public highway.
11. In 1948 sabotage was carried out in the above ammunition warehouses by Dragalina's guerrillas. Informant states that the explosions were heard in Craiova for about one and one-half hours.

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